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SUBJECT: FAO MEETING ON HARD FIBERS - MONITORING OF INFORMAL  
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ARRANGEMENTS.

1. FAO INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP ON HARD FIBERS WILL MEET  
IN NEW DELHI MARCH 14-19.

2. AGENDA INCLUDES ITEM ON POSSIBLE APPROACHES TO  
MONITORING THE INFORMAL INDICATIVE PRICE AND QUOTA

ARRANGEMENTS ON RAW FIBERS AND QUOTAS ON HARD FIBER MANUFACTURES WHICH HAVE BEEN AGREED TO BY INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP. FAO SECRETARIAT HAS PREPARED REPORT DISCUSSING ALTERNATIVES FOR INCREASING SURVEILLANCE BY THE GROUP OVER THE OPERATION OF THESE QUOTAS AND PRICE TARGETS. PAPER ALSO SPECULATES ON NEED FOR A INDICATIVE PRICE ARRANGEMENT ON MANUFACTURERS, PARTICULARLY HARVEST (BALER) TWINE.

3. US IS WORLD'S LARGEST SINGLE IMPORTER OF HARD FIBER TWINE AND THUS HAS SIGNIFICANT INTEREST IN ANY INTERNATIONAL ACTIONS WHICH COULD AFFECT PRICE AND AVAILABILITY OF THIS PRODUCT. WE ARE ALSO CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN DISCUSSIONS

UNDER UNCTAD AUSPICES WITH HARD FIBER PRODUCING COUNTRIES CONCERNING POSSIBLE INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO IMPROVE WORLD TRADE IN HARD FIBER AND HARD FIBER PRODUCTS. WE THEREFORE HAVE AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN ATTITUDES OF HARD FIBER PRODUCING AND CONSUMING COUNTRIES ON SUBJECT OF MONITORING INFORMAL ARRANGEMENT AND ON OVERALL QUESTION OF INDICATIVE PRICES AND QUOTAS.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION POSTS COULD SUPPLY ON HOST GOVERNMENT POSITIONS FOR UPCOMING MEETING ON SUBJECT OF MONITORING INFORMAL ARRANGEMENTS. PLEASE INFO REPLY TO ROME FOR FAO AFFAIRS ADVISOR AND TO NEW DELHI FOR EMBASSY DELEGATE TO SUBJECT MEETING.  
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